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In re Application of:
Juergen Frosien et al.

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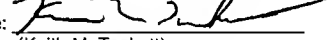
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ZIMR/0039/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.